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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator of the world, Ruler over all, our Adonai, Sovereign Lord of our life, we join with our Jewish friends in celebrating Rosh Hashanah, "the head of the year," the beginning of the days of awe and repentance, a time of reconciliation with You and one another. We thank You that we are all united in our need to repent, to return to our real selves for an honest inventory, and then to return to You with a humble and contrite heart. Forgive our sins of omission: the words and deeds You called us to do and we neglected, our bland condoning of prejudice and hatred, and our toleration of injustice in our society. Forgive our sins of commission: the times we turned away from Your clear and specific guidance, and the times we knowingly rebelled against Your management of our lives and Your righteousness in our Nation. Sound the shofar in our souls, blow the trumpets, and wake our somnolent spirits. Arouse us and call us to spiritual regeneration. Awaken us to our accountability to You for our lives, and our leadership of this Nation. We thank You for Your atoning grace and for the opportunity for a new beginning.

Help the Jews and Christians called to serve in this Senate, the Senators' staffs, and the whole support team of the Senate to celebrate our unity under Your sovereignty and exemplify to our Nation the oneness of a shared commitment to You. In Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the distinguished Senator from Colorado, is recognized.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will consider the Treasury-Postal appropriations conference report. Under the order, there will be 60 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the adoption of the conference report. Therefore, Senators can expect a rollcall vote at approximately 11 a.m. or earlier if debate time is yielded back.

Following that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of the D.C. appropriations bill. It is the intention of the majority leader to finish action on this measure today.

As a reminder to all Members, in observance of Rosh Hashanah, no rollcall votes will occur this week after 1 p.m. today. All Senators' cooperation will be appreciated in allowing the Senate to conclude action on the D.C. appropriations bill and any available appropriations conference reports.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH of Oregon). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998 CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I submit a report of the committee of conference on H.R. 2378 making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to consideration of the conference report accompanying H.R. 2378 which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2378) having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses this report, signed by a majority of the conferees.

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

(The conference report is printed in the House proceedings of the RECORD of September 29, 1997.)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, before proceeding with my statement, I ask unanimous consent that the following staff be allowed floor privileges during the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2378. That will be Pat Raymond, Barbara Retzlaff, Tammy Perrin, Lula Edwards, and Frank Larkin.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, my colleague and I, Senator KOHL, are bringing before the Senate today the fiscal year 1998 appropriations bill of the Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Postal Service, and the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies.

This bill contains \$25.6 billion in mandatory and discretionary funding for fiscal year 1998. Reaching this level of funding has not been an easy task, and I would like at this time to publicly thank the ranking member, Senator KOHL, for his cooperation and continued effort in supporting this bill. We have tried our best to be supportive of the requests of individual Senators, and I think our bill reflects that.

This bill funds 40 percent of all Federal law enforcement. Adequate funding for this activity has been a top priority for both Senator KOHL and myself. In addition to providing sufficient funding for law enforcement, this bill goes a long way in encouraging the IRS to stay on track with modernization while at the same time addressing

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